

Senate Bill 438 Update:

Senate Bill 438 (Migden) allowing qualified California licensed dentists to obtain a permit from the board to perform “elective facial cosmetic surgery” in accordance with specified statutory requirements was passed by the Legislature and signed into law on September 30, 2006. In anticipation of the effective date of January 1, 2007 the board is moving to implement the permitting process.

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE DENTAL PRACTICE ACT FOR A DENTIST TO PERFORM “ELECTIVE COSMETIC FACIAL SURGERY” (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DENTIST MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PERMIT) UNLESS THE DENTIST IS ISSUED A PERMIT BY THE BOARD ALLOWING HIM OR HER TO PERFORM “ELECTIVE COSMETIC FACIAL SURGERY,”

The board has written to each of the entities named in the legislation seeking their input and recommendations to be used in the creation of the Credentialing Committee. The board noted the responses that had been received at the time of the Board meeting on November 14 – 15, 2006. The item has been agendaized for the board meeting of February 8-9, 2007 in Los Angeles with the intent of naming the Credentialing Committee as quickly as possible.

Senate Bill 683 Residency Program Update:

Senate Bill 683 (Aanestad) created a general residency pathway to licensure in California was passed by the Legislature and signed into law on September 30, 2006. The board, together with the Department of Consumer Affairs’ Office of Examination Resources (OER), are required to ensure the alignment of the competencies stated in the clinical residency completion certification with the board’s current occupational analysis.

The work with OER may be completed in time to allow the board to consider and approve the certification and the core competencies at its April 2007 meeting. If not, the approval would most likely be accomplished at the June 2007 meeting. Once approved by the board, the certification and competencies will be put in regulatory language and proposed for adoption. The regulatory process takes approximately one year to complete from the time the regulation is noticed to the public.